

Remarks/Arguments:

With the present response, claims 1-20 are pending.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the telephone interview conducted on March 11, 2008. During the interview, claims 1 and 9 were discussed, particularly the recitation of the claimed light source forming a partition, with the partition being transparent. The Examiner is thanked for the indication in the Interview Summary that he agreed that the Granneman reference appears to be silent as to the features of the light source forming the partition itself, with the partition being transparent on at least one side, as recited in claim 9.

Claim Rejections

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 7-16, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by the U.S. Patent No. 5,067,063 to Granneman et al. ("Granneman"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a partition for the interior space of a bag, characterized in that *said partition has a receiving part for at least one flat light source*, and that, furthermore, *said partition is transparent* on at least one side at least in the area of the at least one flat light source.

Independent claim 9 recites, *inter alia*, a bag with a lighting means for illuminating the interior of said bag. *The lighting means comprises at least one flat light source*. The at least one light source is designed such that the at least one light source forms a partition for the interior space of said bag. At least one partition, which has a receiving part for the at least one flat light source, is provided in the interior space of said bag. *The partition is transparent on at least one side at least in the area of the at least one light source*.

In order to anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102, the reference must teach every element of the claim. M.P.E.P. §2131. Furthermore, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the . . . claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989) and M.P.E.P. §2131.

Claim 1 recites a partition that includes the limitations of *both* having a receiving part for at least one flat light source *and* being transparent.

Granneman, on the other hand, discloses a lamp 22 that is mounted on the interior lining of a handbag 38. Granneman, col. 3, lines 13-14. Granneman further discloses that lamp 22 could slide into a pocket having a clear window. Granneman, col.3, lines 15-17. In

another embodiment, Granneman discloses a lamp 22 mounted between interior lining 42 and outside wall 46 of a handbag 38. Granneman, col. 3, lines 43-45.

While Granneman discloses that lamp 22 could slide into a pocket having a clear window, Granneman fails to disclose or suggest a partition that includes the limitations of *both* having a receiving part for at least one flat light source *and* being transparent. Assuming, *arguendo*, that the clear window that forms part of the pocket of Granneman may be defined as a partition, the window itself fails to include a receiving part for a light source. Granneman discloses that a light source is inserted *between* the window and the outside wall of Granneman's handbag.

Claim 9 recites a bag having a light source *forming* a partition, with the partition being transparent on at least one side.

Granneman is discussed above with respect to claim 1. Again, while Granneman discloses a pocket having a clear window, Granneman fails to disclose or suggest that the pocket itself is a light source, or that *the light source* forms a partition *and* has a transparent portion, as is recited in claim 9.

Because Granneman fails to disclose or suggest every limitation in independent claims 1 and 9, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1 and 9 is improper. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 9. Claims 2-4, 7, and 8 all ultimately depend from claim 1 and claims 10-16 and 19 all ultimately depend from claim 9. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-16, and 19 are all allowable over Granneman for at least the same reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 9. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-16, and 19.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5, 6, 17, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Granneman. Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 9. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5 and 6 and claims 17 and 18 are allowable over Granneman for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 9, respectively. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 5, 6, 17, and 19.

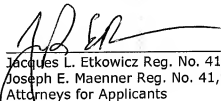
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Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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